

64 and an amount of a sex steroid precursor selected from the group consisting of dehydroepiandrosterone, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate, androst-5-ene3 $\beta$ ,17 $\beta$ -diol] and androst-5-ene-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\beta$ -diol.

#### REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 39-104 are presently pending this application. By this Second Preliminary Amendment, applicant has amended the specification and claims 63-68, 78-83, 90-92 and 96-98 to correct a typographical errors contained therein. Applicant maintains that the above amendment raises no issue of new matter.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed and the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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